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EL CAJON MAN SENTENCED IN SERIES OF INDECENT EXPOSURES TO CHILDREN

San Diego, CA (June 4, 1999) - An El Cajon man is in jail today after being sentenced for a series of indecent exposures involving junior high and high school girls in San Diego. 46-year-old Steven Passmore was arrested by San Diego Police detectives in January 1999, after exposing himself and masturbating in front of five girls under the age of 15 years old. The investigation determined that the defendant followed the victims home from Madison High School, University of San Diego High School, and Ray Kroc Middle School in the series of incidents from November 1998 to January 1999. In March 1999, the defendant pled guilty to two counts of misdemeanor indecent exposure and two counts of misdemeanor annoying children.

This morning, Judge Robert F. O'Neill ordered the defendant to serve a year-and-a-half in custody. The defendant was also placed on three years of formal probation and was ordered to pay \$1,000 restitution fine, to register as a sex offender for life, to attend intensive sex offender counseling, and to stay away from every school in San Diego County and any other place children may congregate. In sentencing the defendant, Judge O'Neill said that the defendant's acts were callous, involved particularly vulnerable victims, and involved planning and premediation.

The defendant is also awaiting sentencing on nine counts of indecent exposure and annoying children in the El Cajon judicial district next Wednesday, June 9, 1999. That case involves 15 victims, all girls under 18.

"This case was the result of solid investigation and hard work by the San Diego Police Department, working in partnership with our Criminal Division," City Attorney Casey Gwinn said. "Today's sentencing means that a serious sex offender will be off the streets for a significant period of time."

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